

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 514 – HB 1185

February 27, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a public institution of higher education from disciplining or discriminating against a student in a counseling, social work, or psychology program because the student refuses to counsel or serve a client as a result of the student's religious beliefs, provided the student refers the client to a counselor who will provide counseling or other services.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003770): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits a public institution of higher education under the authority of Tenn. Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapters 8 or 9, from disciplining, expelling, remediating, or taking other adverse action against a student in a counseling, social work, or psychology program because the student refuses to counsel or serve a client as a result of the student's religious beliefs. Requires the objecting student's supervising instructor or professor to coordinate a referral for the client so that counseling or other services can be provided.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Any fiscal impact on state expenditures as a result of any policy change is estimated to be not significant

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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